



2023 Profile of ASHA Members and Affiliates With PhDs

Introduction

This report presents data on ASHA members and affiliates who hold a research doctorate (PhD). Data are presented by ASHA certification status, United States residency, race, ethnicity, gender, age, primary employment facility, and private practice status.

Highlights

- **Overall Counts and ASHA Certification Status.** ASHA currently represents 4,481 individuals who hold a PhD. Of these, 702 hold ASHA certification in audiology, 3,228 hold ASHA certification in speech-language pathology, 105 hold dual certification, 63 are in the process of obtaining ASHA certification, and 383 are not ASHA-certified.
- **Residency.** Among the 4,481 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,216 reside in the U.S., and 265 reside in 43 other countries. One hundred twenty-two of the constituents are international affiliates.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** About one-fifth (18.2%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside in the U.S. self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, other race, or having two or more races vs. 9.5% of all ASHA constituents. The percentage of those who self-identify as Hispanic, Latina, Latino, Latinx, or as being of Spanish origin is 4.9% among PhD holders compared to 7.0% of all ASHA constituents.
- **Gender and Age.** About three-quarters (79.1%) of ASHA constituents with PhDs who reside in the U.S. self-identify as female, and 50.5% are ages 55 and older. In comparison, 95.6% of all ASHA constituents self-identify as female, and 21.2% are ages 55 and older.
- **Work Setting.** Across all ASHA constituents, only 2.9% report their primary employment facility as a college/university. For those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, speech-language pathology, or both professions, the percentages are 47.9%, 57.7%, and 41.5%, respectively.
- **Private Practice Status.** Of those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in audiology, 12.7% work in private practice either full or part time. The percentages are 22.1% and 38.7% for those who hold a PhD and ASHA certification in speech-language pathology or both professions, respectively. Across all ASHA constituents, the percentages working in private practice either full or part time are 31.8%, 23.5%, and 33.4%, respectively, for ASHA-certified audiologists, ASHA-certified speech-language pathologists, and those with dual certification.

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Table 1
Number of ASHA Constituents With PhDs, by Certification Status
January 1 – December 31, 2023

Affiliation Status	Certified in Audiology	Certified in Speech	Dually Certified	CERTIFIED SUBTOTAL	Certification in Process	Not Certified	TOTAL
Member Only	—	—	—	—	—	261	261
Member and Certificate Holder	692	3,219	105	4,016	63	—	4,079
ASHA MEMBERSHIP SUBTOTAL	692	3,219	105	4,016	63	261	4,340
Nonmember Certificate Holder	10	9	0	19	0	—	19
International Affiliate	—	—	—	—	—	122	122
GRAND TOTAL	702	3,228	105	4,035	63	383	4,481

Note. Among the 4,481 ASHA constituents with PhDs, 4,216 reside in the U.S., and 265 reside in 43 other countries.

Table 2
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.
January 1 – December 31, 2023
(n = 4,216)

Race (n = 3,835)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	8.3%
Black or African American	7.5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
White	81.8%
Race Not Currently Listed	0.3%
Reported 2 or More Races	1.9%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Ethnicity (n = 3,965)	
Hispanic or Latino	4.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	95.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Gender (n = 4,128)	
Female	79.1%
Male	20.5%
Non-Binary	0.2%
Other	0.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Age (n = 3,865)	
34 and younger	6.1%
35–44	21.9%
45–54	21.5%
55–64	16.4%
65 and older	34.1%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Table 3
Demographic Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S. and
Work Primarily at Colleges/Universities
January 1 – December 31, 2023
(n = 2,256)

Race (n = 2,080)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2%
Asian	9.5%
Black or African American	6.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
White	81.6%
Race Not Currently Listed	0.4%
Reported 2 or More Races	1.7%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Ethnicity (n = 2,150)	
Hispanic or Latino	5.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	94.8%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Gender (n = 2,210)	
Female	78.0%
Male	21.5%
Non-Binary	0.3%
Other	0.2%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Age (n = 2,063)	
34 and younger	6.1%
35–44	23.8%
45–54	23.9%
55–64	18.1%
65 and older	28.2%

Source. Dues Notice 2024

Note. Counts in Tables 2 and 3 include ASHA members, ASHA Certified Members, and certified nonmembers during the period and whose dues/fees were paid. The percentages are for the number of respondents (n = number of respondents) to that question only; percentages may not total 100.0% due to rounding. In addition to completing their dues notice, members can update their demographic information by contacting the ASHA Action Center at 800-498-2071 or by visiting www.asha.org and selecting "My Account" at the top of the webpage.

For additional information about these figures, contact ASHA's Surveys and Analysis unit at data@asha.org or 800-498-2071, ext. 8749 or 8738.

Table 4
Employment Profile of ASHA Constituents With PhDs Who Reside in the U.S.
by Certification Status
January 1 – December 31, 2023

Certified in Audiology Only
(n = 685)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 629)	
School	2.7%
College/University	47.9%
Health Care Facility	36.2%
All Other Facilities	13.2%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Private Practice (n = 640)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	8.0%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	4.7%
Not Employed in Private Practice	87.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Certified in Speech-Language Pathology Only
(n = 3,123)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 2,922)	
School	11.7%
College/University	57.7%
Health Care Facility	20.1%
All Other Facilities	10.5%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Private Practice (n = 2,916)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	7.2%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	14.9%
Not Employed in Private Practice	77.9%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Certified in Both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
(n = 103)

Primary Employment Facility (n = 82)	
School	9.8%
College/University	41.5%
Health Care Facility	34.1%
All Other Facilities	14.6%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

Private Practice (n = 93)	
Employed Full Time in Private Practice	16.1%
Employed Part Time in Private Practice	22.6%
Not Employed in Private Practice	61.3%

Source. Dues Notice 2022

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